

YOUTH'S DEFENSE OF POSTOFFICE WINS REWARD AT LAST

Florida Boy Who Saved Government Property From Safe Crackers Is Appointed Clerk After Five Years' Wait.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Paul V. Sauls has been appointed a clerk at a salary of \$900 per year at the Tallahassee, Fla., postoffice, as a reward for his valiant defense of that office against desperate safe crackers on January 8, 1910. He won his fight with the burglars with his boy's strength and a revolver of the cheapest make, which he had won at a country fair.

An executive order for the young man's appointment was issued last May by President Wilson, but it lay unacted upon in Government archives until dug up recently by Merritt O. Chance, chief clerk of the Post Office Department.

The reports of the battle read like tales of the wild and woolly West in the '40s. J. M. Sauls, father of Paul, lived on a small farm outside of Tallahassee with his wife and family of eight children. The elder Sauls was night watchman in the Florida post office, and on the night of January 7 there was sickness in his family and by special permission of the postmaster he sent his son, Paul V., then just past his 18th year, to stand guard over the Government property that night.

Paul took the job, unarmed. After the night clerk left at 1 o'clock and the fires had been stirred up to keep the young watchman warm during the night, Paul settled down to wait for the burglar. After a few minutes there came a knock at the basement door. On his way to the door the young watchman passed the cot of a friend, who was sleeping in the building. Under the sleeper was a very cheap revolver which the latter had won at a country fair the evening before. Paul took it for safety's sake.

"Who's there?" he called out, before he opened the door.

"Here's a mail sack which we found on the street, and I thought it might have dropped from the mail cart," came the answer.

Back the doors went. And as they opened Paul was confronted by a shining revolver with the command, accompanied by an oath, for the watchman to hold up his hands. Paul backed away from the door, and as he did so the would-be burglar grabbed first one hand and then the other, but the watchman had his hand on his revolver, and he fired the bullet going through the liver and stomach of the burglar. The latter held on to Paul's arms with a death grip. The second burglar, apparently unacquainted with what had happened in the darkness, and having ample confidence in his partner, afterward found to be Tennessee Dutch, one of the most notorious of criminals, came forward with a rope to tie the boy. But he miscalculated. With a jerk, Paul got his hand loose, fired twice and the burglar fell motionless, both bullets having taken effect in his head.

All this happened in less time than it takes to tell it, and Paul was unassisted. Even his friend, Harrison, whom he left in the room, was unable to get to the door to remain away from the point of contact established by the advance guard. And he did remain away until the smoke of the first shot had passed, and while Paul still watched the burglar's retreat, the bodies of the dying men Harrison went in search of a policeman and a physician. Meanwhile the first burglar was gradually choking to death. The burglar's head was resting on Paul's right shoulder. Paul reached up and freed, but Dutch shifted his head to the left, and Paul's hand was just as the head landed there Paul let go over that shoulder, both bullets going through the burglar's head. Neither of the highwaymen ever regained consciousness.

Paul remained in the building in the morning until the post office was opened. Then he went, sat down to his breakfast and modestly announced that he had killed a couple of crackmen. A jury later convened over the bodies of the dead men returned a verdict of justifiable homicide.

QUESTIONS PEONAGE LAWS

Alabama Statutes Violate Thirteenth Amendment, Says Solicitor General. WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Solicitor General Davis, of the Department of Justice, has filed a brief in the so-called Alabama peonage case in which he has argued that the Alabama statutes relating to the Alabama statutes relating to the amendment are in conflict with the 13th amendment and the Federal peonage laws.

The cases referred to are those of J. A. Hays and G. W. Broughton, who were indicted for alleged violation of the Federal peonage law. A peonage case in bar in the one case and demurrer to the indictment in the other were sustained. The United States Supreme Court has granted certiorari in the case.

MINERS RATIFY PEACE PLAN

Favor President Wilson's Proposition to Terminate Colorado Strike. WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—President Wilson was advised today that the nine workers who have ratified the action of their union in accepting the President's three-year peace plan for termination of the Colorado strike.

The administration today hoped that the employees' acceptance of the plan will force the operators to fall in line and likewise accept it.

FIRE AT CONEY ISLAND

Steepchase Park Threatened, but Flames Are Soon Subdued. NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—While hundreds of Mardi Gras celebrants saw the flames, flames by a desperate effort early today prevented the destruction of Steepchase Park, Coney Island, following a fire which broke out in a carousel. The fire gained great headway before the firemen arrived, but their prompt measures prevented any serious damage. The loss was \$10,000.

MIDDLE CLASS FOR WILMINGTON

WILMINGTON, Del., Sept. 17.—A J. Daniel Hiddle will organize a branch of the Bible study movement in this city on Sunday next, when he will visit Epworth M. E. Church in the afternoon and speak on the subject previous to the class here being organized. Practically the entire day will be devoted to the movement. At 2 P. M. Miss, one of his prominent workers, will speak in the morning. Numerous invitations to the class have been extended, and the attendance is expected to be large.

SMALL POLICEMAN MAKES CAPTIVE OF NEGRO GIANT

Captive Threatened to Shoot Her, Sister-in-law Says. Residents of the neighborhood of Sixteenth and Ruffner streets late last night saw a colossal special policeman, measuring in the over five feet in height, march a struggling young Negro giant to the police station on West Haines street above Germantown avenue.

Richardson, who had been sitting content in the police station, was summoned on a hurry call to the home of Mrs. Mary Law, of 1633 Ruffner street, who said her brother-in-law, Hugh Law, was trying to break into her home in an attempt to shoot her. Richardson did not wait to get his coat, and found that the woman had fled.

The brother-in-law had succeeded in breaking into the house and engaged in destroying everything in sight, the policeman says. A struggle ensued which resulted in Richardson's triumphant march to the station house with the Negro. Law said he is twenty-three years old. He was held under \$500 bail, charged with carrying a concealed deadly weapon.

According to Mary Law, the trouble started about a month ago when her brother-in-law, whom she boarded, refused to pay for the food he consumed. She took the matter to court and was granted an attachment on the man's wages. This enraged him to such a degree that he returned last night, after an absence of several weeks, and threatened to shoot her.

WARNS CO-EDS AGAINST "LIGHT-ARM GALLANTRY"

College Official Declares Young Men Can Walk Without Support. SYRACUSE, N. Y., Sept. 17.—Students enrolled in Syracuse University today are discussing the attack hurled yesterday against hazing, frolics and "light-arm gallantry" by Chancellor Day, of that institution.

"Young men," he said, in speaking of the evils of hazing, "who are not able to walk without leaning on the arm of a young woman should see the college physician and they will be admitted to the infirmary." He also advised co-eds not to permit their men friends to take them to parties, and told the students they must abstain from all kinds of hazing parties in the ladies' dormitories. Instead, he urged, the boys and girls should spend their time singing, playing the piano or playing lawn tennis.

BOY REFUGEE IS ON HIS WAY HOME FROM HUNGARY

Parents Learn From Newspapers He Has Sailed From London. The parents of Theodore Topover, 9 years old, of 2816 Sharp street, Wisablick, learned through the newspapers that the boy had sailed from London and on his way home to his parents in the United States.

The boy went to Hungary a year ago with an uncle. Four weeks ago he wrote to his mother and said he expected to spend another year with his uncle. He was then attending school. The parents were relieved to hear that their son was safely on his way home.

ORDER TRANSPORTS SOUTH

Six Vessels Will Bring American Troops From Vera Cruz. WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Six transports were ordered by Secretary of War Garrison to proceed to Vera Cruz to move the American troops back to the United States. These vessels are the Ford and Kitpatrick at Colon; the City of Mexico and City of Denver at Newport News; the Kansas at Galveston, and the Cristobal at New York.

MANY APPENDICITIS CASES

West Chester Physicians and Hospitals Are Treating Sufferers. WEST CHESTER, Sept. 17.—Appendicitis in an acute form has struck this borough and the disease amounts almost to an epidemic. Every physician in town has been battling with one or more cases during the last two weeks, and at the two hospitals seventeen operations have been performed, while many are being given treatment at their homes. A majority of the patients are women.

PRIZE BARK FAMILIAR HERE

The Perko Formerly Plid Between This Port and Far East. Shipping men here today were interested in the receipt of the news that the British Prize Court had adjudicated the case of the captured German bark Perko, formerly of the British, which has been many years plid between this port and the Far East with cargoes of manganese and petroleum. She was one of the largest craft of her type afloat.

AUSTRIAN DUM-DUMS FOUND

Explosive Bullets Seized in Forts, Red Cross Agent Says. PETROGRAD, Sept. 17.—The general headquarters of the Red Cross announces that it has been informed by telegraph by its representative of the First Russian Regiment at the front that when Austrian fortifications have been captured quantities of explosive bullets, packed in special parcels and labeled, have been found. It is also charged that explosive missiles have been used by the Austrians.

Wilmington Rioter Sentenced

WILMINGTON, Del., Sept. 17.—The first sentence in connection with the recent race riots here was imposed in the city court today. Judge Chas. H. Williams sentenced James McCoy, a Negro, to a fine of \$100 and to be imprisoned for 18 months for breaking the law of J. W. Burns, a white man, as he was walking along the street. Judge Williams said the court proposed to protect people on the streets.

DEMOCRATIC STATE NOMINEES ATTEND CLUB CONVENTION

Palmer and McCormick Interrupt Compaigning Tour to Be Present at Meeting of Federation in Scranton. SCRANTON, Pa., Sept. 17.—Stirred to new enthusiasm by the action of the Washington party State committee in endorsing Vance C. McCormick as the Washington party candidate for Governor, the Democratic candidates and campaign speakers arrived here this morning to attend the meeting of the State Federation of Democratic Clubs.

The entire day is to be given over to the meetings of the Federation, and the campaigners will not resume their automobile tour of the State until tomorrow.

The campaign party came here from Lock Haven, where Congressman A. Mitchell Palmer last night assailed Senator Penrose for instigating the Catlin probe to investigate the city of Philadelphia, and then abruptly shutting off the work of the Commission when it seemed about to expose the inner workings of the Penrose organization.

Mr. Palmer challenged Senator Penrose to walk with him to the end of his political knavery was hurled at Senator Penrose. Referring to the indictment which he has made against the Senator, Mr. Palmer said: "As I have remarked before, Penrose talks much about what he has done for Pennsylvania, and I tell you that you should stop and think what he has done to Pennsylvania. I have not made one statement about Penrose anywhere which is not absolutely verified by his record. Whenever I have cited instances of his votes in the Senate I have given the date and the page of the Congressional Record on which it may be found, so that any one may turn to that record himself and read Penrose's shame."

One of the stops made by the campaigners, prior to reaching Lock Haven, was at the State Grand encampment and fair at Centre Hall. Here Mr. Palmer had an opportunity to see the largest crowd he has met since he began his tour 10 days ago. Fully 5000 persons were on the fair grounds, although the number which was able to crowd into the Grand Hall, where the addresses were made, was comparatively small.

The candidates spoke in practically all the towns in Mifflin Centre and Clinton Counties during the course of the day. The automobile tour will be resumed tomorrow morning and Lackawanna county will be covered. Vance C. McCormick, who was not with the party yesterday, came here this morning from Harrisburg, and will continue the tour tomorrow.

UNITED STATES ACTS ALONE IN PROTEST TO TURKEY

Administration May Not Take Action Until War Is Over. WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—High officials made it plain today that the United States is "going it alone" in protesting to Turkey against proposed abrogation of October 1 of the capitulations giving foreigners important privileges in Turkey.

The United States is acting independently of and not in concert with protesting European powers, it was stated. That this Government will probably withhold its reply to the curt note sent yesterday by Secretary Bryan through Ambassador Morgenthau was forecasted in diplomatic circles today. It is understood to be the position of the Turkish government that all rights, privileges and concessions of Americans in Turkey, both civil and criminal, affecting commerce and protection of American missions and other property, are simply safeguarded by Turkish laws, under which the American missions, in particular, have operated in the past with full protection.

The following statement issued by Mr. Bryan is a paraphrase of the cablegram sent to Ambassador Morgenthau: "You will bring to the attention of the Ottoman Government the action of the United States Government in the endeavor of the Imperial Government to set aside the capitulations. Furthermore, this Government does not recognize that the Ottoman Government has a right to abrogate the capitulations, or that its action to this end being unilateral can have any effect upon the capitulatory conventions. "You will further state that the United States reserves for the present the discussion of the grounds upon which its refusal to acquiesce in the action of the Ottoman Government is based, and also reserves the right to make further representations in this matter at a later date."

HEAD OF CUDAHY CO. TO QUIT

Will Resign Presidency of Great Packing Concern October 1. CHICAGO, Sept. 17.—Edward A. Cudahy, president of the Cudahy Packing Company, will resign from that position October 1 and will be succeeded by his nephew, Joseph A. Cudahy.

Philadelphia Committee BRITISH NATIONAL RELIEF FUND

All Britishers are most earnestly asked to contribute liberally to the above Fund. The names of the British soldiers and sailors who are killed or rendered helpless by the war, and of even the smallest sums will be very gratefully received by the following: THEO. A. FOX, Chairman, 324 Walnut Street. JAMES NICOLL, Treasurer, c/o Athletic Association, Pennsylvania Ave. DR. S. P. ROSS, Hon. Secretary, 1427 Locust Street. MESSRS. BROWN, BROS. & CO., Bankers, 4th & Chestnut Streets.

ROCKEFELLER'S ACT LED TO DEATH OF VILLAGE

Oil Magnate's Refusal to Pay Taxes Marked Passing of Hillside. TARRYTOWN, Sept. 17.—John D. Rockefeller's aversion to paying more taxes than legally required of him put Hillside, the smallest village in this state, out of business. Rockefeller's estate at Tarrytown extends, or did extend, into Hillside's corporate limits, and the Board of Trustees of the latter place worked out a clever scheme to increase its tax revenue by taxing a large part of the oil magnate's property.

Everything went well, and the board was preparing to pave a few more streets, erect a schoolhouse or two and raise the salaries of certain officials when Mr. Rockefeller's staff of lawyers swooped down on Hillside and informed the village officials that the proposed tax levy was illegal, and that Mr. Rockefeller would fight the issue to the last court, even if he had to raise the price of kerosene. The plan was dropped; the trustees voted to dissolve the incorporation of the township and to pass its indebtedness of \$3000 to the Mount Pleasant township.

EAGER TO OFFER INSULT

Two Mexicans Draw Lots for 'Honor' of Humiliating Constitutional. VERA CRUZ, Sept. 17.—Two former officers of the old Federal army last night drew lots for what they regarded the honor of humiliating a Constitutional officer, a young major from the capital who had obtained permission to wear his full uniform within the American lines.

Anticipating that they would be fined for their assault upon the Constitution, the two former Federal captains pooled \$10 in American currency with which they purchased 50 pesos. They then drew lots and the winner of the pool went up to the major in an open-air cafe and tore the straps from his shoulders.

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WILMINGTON POLICE PROBLEM WAITING A LEGAL SOLUTION

City Solicitor Advises Commission to Withhold New Appointments Until He Has Examined Law. WILMINGTON, Del., Sept. 17.—Nothing further will be done toward qualifying the policemen who were appointed on Tuesday until City Council has considered the subject this evening and decided what is to be done. The point has been raised that the resolution adopted by City Council was illegal. The law provides that the police force shall be enlarged from time to time upon the recommendation of Council, but Council's resolution authorized the Police Commission to increase the force instead of recommending it. The point was pushed with such vigor that City Solicitor Daniel O. Hastings advised the Police Commission not to proceed further in the matter until he could look into the law and go over the matter with the Police Commission.

If Council should decide that the resolution was illegal passed and rescind it, the Police Commission probably will drop the matter and allow the blame for failure to increase the police force to rest on the members of Council. Should the City Solicitor decide the resolution legal, the chances are that the Police Commission will stand by its appointments.

The whole subject has stirred up bitter feeling among the friends of the two Police Commissioners and Chief of Police Black on one side and the friends of the members of City Council on the other. Members of Council assert they are endeavoring to back General I. Pusney Witherham, one of the members of the commission, in his efforts to improve the Police Department, while the other side declares that the interference of City Council is due to a desire on the part of some of the members to get even with the Chief of Police and prevent him having any choice in the selection of men for the mounted squad which is to be formed. The assertion is made that the idea of having an expert to examine the police force and suggest changes and improvements was to get Chief Black out of office, and that after John B. Taylor, the Philadelphia expert, had declared that Black was a good officer, but was hampered, his opponents proceeded to get after him in some other way.

NEGRO IS MUCH ACCUSED He Confesses to West Chester Crime and Is Wanted in Newton, Mass. WEST CHESTER, Pa., Sept. 17.—Harry Kimball, a negro show follower, pleaded guilty in court here to having committed an assault and highway robbery upon Miss Marie England, of Philadelphia, a week ago, when he beat her and secured a silver mesh bag and money. Later he confessed and led the police to the point where he had hid the property.

Sentence was suspended by Judge Butler for the reason that Kimball is wanted for a much more serious offense at Newton, Mass., where he is accused of beating a woman badly several months ago. He will be sent to that place in order that the New England authorities may deal with him first, but the charge here will be pressed after he has served the expected term there.

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SLAYER OF TWO HOLDS 600 AT BAY; DIES IN FLAMES

Tramp, Pursued After Murder, Kills Himself in Blazing Field. HARVARD, Neb., Sept. 17.—Henry Trout, a grain buyer, prominently associated with the business affairs of this town, went to his office yesterday and half an hour later was found dead, with two bullets in his heart. Plainly he had been killed by a robber.

News of the murder spread through Harvard, Sheriff Charles S. Anderson and his deputy, George Phillips, came upon a tramp whose actions aroused their suspicions. As they approached the tramp began firing at them with an automatic pistol.

The sheriff fell, dying instantly. Next the deputy fell, mortally wounded. Citizens then formed a posse. Every automobile in town was commandeered by officials and others, and the Fairbairn militia was called out. Probably 600 persons took up the man hunt, and aordon was formed about the entire country side.

The tramp took refuge in a hay field and, barricaded behind a stack, began to fight. He seemed to have almost an endless supply of ammunition for he fired often. In slight pauses he would reload, only to continue the fusillade. When any part of his body showed, revolvers, rifles and shotguns were turned on him. Finally the hay in the field caught fire. The flames swept across the field like a huge wave, but the tramp held his position until they were upon him. Then he rose to his feet, placed his pistol to his head and blew out his brains. There is no clue to his identity.

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